

**OITA AA/DAA MEETING**

**MEETING WITH CARRIE THOMPSON, USAID DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT (E3)**

**Date/Time: Thursday, February 7, 2019/2:00- 3:00 PM**

**Location: USAID offices Yellowstone conference room at 1717 Pennsylvania Ave NW**

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**I. Purpose**

This meeting is to discuss possible EPA and USAID collaboration on two issues: marine litter and the *U. S. Government Global Water Strategy*. It will also serve as a precursor to a meeting between EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler and USAID Administrator Mark Green that has not yet been scheduled.

**II. Participants**

Visiting Organization:

- Carrie Thompson, Deputy Administrator of the Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3) USAID

EPA:

- Chad McIntosh, Assistant Administrator OITA
- Jane Nishida, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator OITA

**III. Background**

As a reminder, Jane Nishida, Marianne Bailey, Hodayah Finman and Ted MacDonald last met with Carrie Thompson on May 24, 2018 to follow up on a PCC meeting on internationally priorities where Ms. Thompson expressed an interest in exploring shared interests regarding air pollution as a contributor to non-communicable diseases. Topics also included mercury, marine litter and environmental technology exports.

Background information is provided below on USAID's marine litter efforts and USAID's and EPA's contributions to the US Government Global Water Strategy for today's meeting.

**USAID's marine litter efforts**

- USAID's Municipal Waste Recycling Program is a 4-year, \$9 million marine plastics initiative with \$3.5 million in grant funds on small-scale recycling service to the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka.
- The program provides grants and technical assistance for promising solid waste management and waste recycling efforts in urban and peri-urban areas, enhances the effectiveness of such programs and makes recommendations for future investments in municipal waste recycling.
- Currently, grants are being used to fund a variety of projects in all five countries, including improving city waste management and recycling in Indonesia by enhancing the informal waste sector through public-private partnerships; raising awareness on plastic pollution

damage from city to river to coast along the Huong River in Vietnam; reducing and recycling waste materials in marine protected areas in the Philippines; linking waste collectors with segregation at the source by local businesses, fishing boat owners, and households along the west coast of Sri Lanka.

- USAID plans to renew these funds for another round of grant funding starting in FY2019/20. We are working with USAID at the staff level to include the TFW stakeholder-based model as an eligible activity for the next round of grants.

### **US Government Global Water Strategy**

- US Global Water Strategy was signed by President Trump November 15, 2017
- It is a requirement under the Water for the World Act of 2014
- There are FOUR objectives:
  - 1) Increasing access to sustainable safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene
  - 2) Protecting freshwater resources
  - 3) Promoting cooperation with shared waters e.g. transboundary rivers, lakes, etc
  - 4) Strengthening water governance and financing
- 17 US government agencies and departments contributed including EPA and USAID
- Strategy's purpose is to mobilize resources to meet the four objectives

### **EPA's contribution to the US Global Water Strategy**

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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## IV. Attachments

- Carrie Thompson, Bio and photo

## CARRIE THOMPSON



Deputy Assistant Administrator

Carrie Thompson is the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3). Ms. Thompson joined E3 in September 2015. She oversees the work of the Global Climate Change, Forestry and Biodiversity, Land and Urban and Energy and Infrastructure Offices, as well as the Multilateral Development Bank Team for Social /Environment Safeguards. Before returning to Washington she served as Deputy Director of USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia based in Bangkok, Thailand, where she provided oversight on regional programs that address trans-boundary challenges such as infectious diseases, human and wildlife trafficking, economic integration and shared use of natural resources, and on bilateral programs in China, Thailand and Laos.

Ms. Thompson is a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service. Additional prior assignments include Director of Program Analysis, Implementation, Communication and Outreach for E3 (2009-2011), Director for East African Affairs (2007-2009), and Program Office Director for Guatemala and Central America Programs (2001-2006). She also served in USAID missions in Peru (1997 – 2001) and El Salvador (1993 – 1997). Prior to joining USAID she worked for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in Washington and various international trade and finance firms.

Ms. Thompson holds an M.S. in national security strategy from the National War College (2007); an M.A. in international business, trade and development economics from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1988); and a B.A. in American studies from Northwestern University.

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